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Beloved Companion:

Now we take up where we left off in the last lecture with the admission of the Candidate. We are not concerned with the formal opening of the Temple by the Officers and Brethern, at this time. They are in their places, waiting, and you, as a Candidate, are waiting without the Portal, under the care of the Sentinel, the Watcher Without, that is, under the care of the form of Anubis in the West.

The Hierophant informs the members assembled that he holds a Dispensation, that the greatly honored Chiefs of the Second order for the purpose of commencing the process of Initiation which shall ultimately lead the Candidate to the knowledge of the Higher Self. He is first admitted to the grade of Neophyte which has no number, concealing the commencement of all things, under the simulacrum of no things.

The Hegemon, the representative of the Gods of Truth and Justice, then condescend to superintend the operation, thus symbolizing that it is the Presider of Equilibrium of the Forces in which the Candidate himself, by the Symbols of Rectitude and Self Control, but it is the Sentinel who actually prepares the Candidate, whose body is now surrounded by a Triple Cord to show the restriction of the Powers of Nature, and it is triple to show the White Triangle, of the Three Supernals. His eyes are also bandaged, symbolizing the light of the natural world which is but as darkness when compared to the radiance of the Light Divine.

The Ritual then continues: Hegemon; "Child of Earth arise and enter into the Path of Darkness."

The Hierophant then gives his permission ordering the Stolistes and Dadouchos to assist the Kerux in the reception, but the Kerux bars the way, saying "Child of Earth, unpurified and un consecrated, thou canst not enter our Sacred Hall."

Whereupon the Stolistes purifies the Candidate by Water and the Dadouchos consecrate him by Fire, the one sprinkling a few drops of consecrated water and the other making the Sign of the Cross in front of him with the flaming torch.

The Hierophant speaks, - he does so, not as to an assembly of mortals but as a God before the Assembly of Gods, "And let his voice be so directed that it shall roll thru the Universe in the confines of Space and let the Candidate represent unto him a world that he is beginning to lead, under the knowledge of its Governing Angel. As it is written 'The Lightning Lightningeth out of the East and flaming even unto the West, even so shall be the coming of the Son of Man.'"

The Candidate during the Ceremony is addressed as "Child of Earth" as representing the Earthly and Material nature of the natural man. He who cometh forward from the darkness of Malkuth strives to regain knowledge of the Light. Therefore it is that the Path of the Initiate is called the Path of Darkness, for it is but darkness and foolishness to the natural man.

The Hierophant giving his permission to the Kerux to admit the Candidate, Seals the Candidate with a motto, as a new name. This motto is not a name given to the Outer man, but an Occult signifier of the Aspirations of his Soul.

After you have concluded the Ceremony and have been psychically admitted, this name will be given to you. "In affirmation of this motto, now doth Osiris send forward the Goddess of the Scales of Balance, to baptize the Aspirant with Water and Fire, even as it is written, 'except that man be born of Water and of the Spirit in no wise shall he enter into the Kingdom of Heaven.'"



The Kerux however, at once bars the way as the Candidate is still unpurified. Thereupon the Goddesses of the Scales, that is, those who occupy Hod and Geburah, psychically purify him anew with Water and with Fire. This is the first Consecration, but even as there are Four Pillars at the extremity of its Sphere, when the ten Sephiroth are projected therein, so also are there four separate consecrations of the Candidate.

The reception and Consecration takes place in the black portion of Malkuth, - when it is finished, the Candidate is accepted at the foot of the Altar, The citrine portion of Malkuth and the part receiving the impact of the Middle Pillar, that is, the Forces coming down from Yesod to Malkuth.

The Hierophant then says to the Candidate "Child of Earth, wherefore hast thou come to request admittance to this Order?" The Hegemon answers for the Candidate, "My Soul is wandering in the Darkness, seeking for the Light of Occult Knowledge and I believe that in this Order the Knowledge of the Light may be obtained."

Whereupon the Hierophant asks the Candidate is willing "In the presence of this Assembly to take a great and solemn obligation to keep inviolate, the Sacred Mysteries of the Order."

Thereupon the Candidate himself replies, "I am."

The Hierophant now advances between the Pillars as if thus asserting that the judgment is concluded, and he advances by the invisible stations of Harpocrates unto that of the Evil Triad so that as Arouerist, (when throned he is Osiris but when he moves he is Arouerist) he standeth upon the Opposer, he thus cometh to the East of the Altar, interposing between the place of Evil Triad and that of the Candidate. At the same time the Hiereus advances on the Candidates left and the Hegemon stands beside his right, formulating about him the Symbol of a Triad, before he be permitted to place his right hand in the center of the Triangle of the Three Supernals on the Altar, and he first kneels in adoration of the Symbol, as if the natural man abnegated his will before that of the Divine Consciousness.

The Hierophant now orders the Candidate to kneel in the midst of the triangle formed by the Arouerist, Horus and Themis, and to place his left hand in that of the Initiator and his right hand upon the White Triangle, symbolizing his own active aspiration toward his higher Self. The Candidate then bows his head and the Hierophant gives one knock with his Scepter affirming the Symbol of Submission unto the Higher is now complete.

Only at that moment does the colossal Image of Thoth, who as you know is one of the Invisible Officers, cease from the Sign of the Enterer, and gives us instead the Sign of the Silence permitting the first real descent of the Genius of the Candidate, who descendeth into the Invisible station of Harpocrates, as witness unto the obligation.

All then rise and the Candidate repeats the obligation after the Hierophant. "I,-----, do hereby solemnly swear to keep secret the existence of this Order, to preserve in silence its name, and to keep secret and inviolable the names of the Members, as well as the proceedings which may take place, the Rituals and Sacred Signs and Words. I furthermore promise and swear to maintain kindly and benevolent relation with all Fratres and Sorores of the Order, and to prosecute with zeal and study the Occult Sciences, the lessons and work and Truths which may be given to me. I furthermore promise and swear to observe all that I have hereby obligated myself to, un-



der the severe penalty of Submitting myself to the deadly and hostile current of directed Will to be set in motion by the Chiefs of the Order by which I shall fall without visible weapon as if blasted by the Lightning flash," (as he reaches this point Hiereus suddenly applies the Sword point to his breast) - the Candidate continues "So help me, Lord of the Universe, and my own Higher Soul to keep myself steadfast to this, my Obligation."

As the Candidate affirms his penalty should he prove a traitor to the Order, the Evil Triad rise up in menace, the Avenger of the Gods, Horus lays the blade of his sword at the point of the Daath Junction (that is, the juncture of the spine and the brain) thus affirming the Power of Life and Death over the natural body, and the form of the Higher Self advances, lays its hand on the Candidate's head, for the first time with the words "So help me Lord of the Universe and of my own Higher Soul, keep myself steadfast, etc." And this is the first assertion of the connecting link between them. Then, after this connection is established, the Hierophant with the following words, raises the Candidate to his feet, "Rise, duly obligated Neophyte of the first grade of the Order of the Golden Dawn in the Outer, place the Candidate in the Northern part of the Hall, the place of greatest Symbolical Darkness."

The Candidate is then placed in the North, the place of the greatest Symbolical Darkness. The invisible station of Taurus, the Bull of Earth, and therein dwelleth Ahatshi, the Rescuer of Matter, Osiris, in the Sign of Spring, that as the Earth emerges from the darkness and barrenness of Winter, so the Candidate may thus perform the commencement of the emancipation from the darkness of Ignorance.

The Hierophant and Hiereus return to their Throne. Therefore it is not the Arouerist but Osiris himself that addresses the Candidate as the Hierophant again speaks, "The voice of my Higher Soul said unto Me 'Let me enter the Path of Darkness for it is thus that I obtain the Light, I am the only being in the Abyss of Darkness, from the Darkness came I forth ere my birth, from the silence of a Primal sleep, and the Voice of the Ages answers unto my Soul, I am he who formulates in Darkness but the Darkness comprehendeth it not!'"

And this is to confirm the link established between Neschamah and the Genius by communicating the conception thereof unto the Ruach. Thus, therefore, Osiris speaketh in the Character of the Higher Soul, the symbolic form of which is now standing between the Pillars before him.

The Officers now in their places, and the circumambulation around the Temple than takes place in the Path of Darkness, the Symbolic Light of Occult Science leading the way. This Light of the Kerux is to show the Higher Soul is not the only Divine Light but also a Spark from the Infinite Flame. In the procession after the Kerux comes the Hegemon, the translator of the Higher Self, leading the Candidate, and then the Stolistes and Dadouchos. Once they pass round the Temple in solemn procession, - it is the foundation in darkness of the Binah angle of the whole Triangle of the Ineffable Light. The Hierophant knocks once as they pass him, and the Hiereus does likewise as the affirmations of Mercy and Vengeance respectively. A second time they pass the Hierophant forming the commencement of the formulation of the Angle of Chokmah. The Kerux then turns and bars the passage of the Candidate to the West saying "Child of Earth, unpurified, unconsecrated, thou canst not enter the Path of the West."



Thus indicating that the natural man cannot even obtain the understanding of a Son of Osiris except by purification and equilibrium. The Candidate is then purified by Water and consecrated by Fire a second time by the Two Goddesses, after which he is allowed to approach the place of the Twilight of the Dark, but now only is the blindfold lifted for a moment to enable him to obtain a glimpse of the Beyond.

The Hiereus challenges as follows "Thou canst not pass by me, sayeth the Guardian of the West, unless thou canst tell me my name.

In this challenge is signified the knowledge of the formula, and that without the formula of Horus being formulated in the Candidate, that of Osiris cannot be grasped.

To the Candidate this appears as the Anger of God. He cannot as yet comprehend that before mildness can be exercised rightly, the Forces of both Severity and Mercy must be known and wielded.

Therefore the Hegemon answers for him, "Darkness is thy name, thou art the Great One of the Path of the Shades."

The Hegemon then suddenly lifts the Veil and the Candidate sees before him, standing on the steps of the Throne, the Hiereus with his sword pointed at his breast. Slowly sinking the blade, the Hiereus says "Child of Earth, Fear is failure; be thou therefore without Fear, for in the heart of the Coward, Virtue abideth not, thou hast known me, so pass thou on."

The Candidate is then reveiled, and commences his journey when the Kerux again bars his way, saying "Child of Earth, unpurified and unconsecrated thou canst not enter the Path of the East."

This barring of the Path is an extension of the meaning of the previous one and the commencement of the formulation of the Angle of Kether.

Once again is the Candidate purified by Water and consecrated by fire and the blindfold is slipped to give just a glimpse of the Light as dimly seen through the Darkness, and heralding a Glory which is the Beyond.

The Hierophant then slowly lowering his Sceptre says "Child of Earth, remember that unbalanced Force is evil, unbalanced Mercy is but weakness, unbalanced Severity is but Oppression, - thou hast known me, pass thou on unto the Cubical Altar of the Universe."

Thus formulating the Force of the Hidden Central Pillar of the Tree. The Hierophant then leaves his Throne and passes between the Pillars, halting at either the Station of Harpocrates, the place of the Evil Triad or at the East of the Altar. The Hiereus stands on the left of the Candidate and the Hegemon on his right once again completing the formulation of the Triad of the Three Supernals.

The Hierophant and Hiereus may hold their banners but whether or not, this is done Astrally, and the Higher Self of the Candidate will be formulated once more at the Invisible Station of Harpocrates.

The Hierophant then says "Let the Candidate kneel while I invoke the Lord of the Universe."



He remains in silent prayer for some few moments and then says "Let the Candidate rise" and then speaks to the Candidate.

"Child of Earth, long hast thou dwelt in Darkness. Quit the Night and seek the Day."

Then only at the words, let the Candidate rise, is the blindfold definitely removed. The Candidate has been brought from Darkness into Light. The Hierophant, and Hegemon join their Sceptres and Sword above the Candidates head, thus formulating the Supernal Triad and assert that they receive him into the Order of the Golden Dawn in the words. "\_\_\_\_\_ we receive thee into the Order of the Golden Dawn."

This constitutes part one of the Initiation, and we will continue with the second part in the next lesson.

In the Bonds of the Eternal Brotherhood,

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